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TO: All County Welfare Directors  
All County Administrative Officers  
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All County Public Health Directors  
All County Mental Health Directors

Letter No.:00-59

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS) WAIVER AGE  
CHANGE, PROGRAM ADVISORY ON PERSONAL CARE SERVICES, AND  
CONTACT LISTS**

Ref.: All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) Nos. 99-10, 99-26, 99-78,  
and 00-08

This letter is to inform counties that some Regional Centers will be referring persons age 18 years and older for a DDS waiver eligibility determination. This is a change from ACWDL 99-78 that informed counties that only persons under the age of eighteen were eligible.

Counties should continue to follow the same eligibility rules for these persons as are used for persons under 18 years old. No income or resources of the parent(s) or spouse are used in determining eligibility. Institutional deeming rules apply. For more information, please see the Medi-Cal Procedures Manual Section 19D.

We are enclosing a DDS Program Advisory that was written prior to the above change and describes the Personal Care Services Program for children under 18 and the services available under that program. We are also enclosing a more recent Regional Center Contact List and a current County Waiver Contact list. If your county contact is incorrect, please FAX the correction to Margie Buzdas at (916) 657-3224.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Buzdas at (916) 657-0726.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION  
PROGRAM ADVISORY



PSB 00-4

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**AVAILABILITY OF MEDI-CAL PERSONAL CARE SERVICES UNDER INSTITUTIONAL DEEMING THROUGH THE HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES (HCBS) WAIVER EXPANSION**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this advisory is to provide regional center staff with information regarding Medi-Cal personal care services available to consumers who are Medi-Cal eligible as a result of institutional deeming under the Department of Developmental Services (DDS)/HCBS Waiver.

**BACKGROUND**

On November 18, 1999, the Health Care Financing Administration approved limited expansion allowing all regional centers to enroll consumers who are under the age of 18, living at home, not currently eligible for zero share-of-cost Medi-Cal and who meet the targeting criteria set forth in the HCBS Waiver. Through institutional deeming under the HCBS Waiver, children meeting the criteria above may be determined as Medi-Cal eligible regardless of their parent's resources or income. Personal care services are provided as a Medi-Cal benefit through the Personal Care Services Program (PCSP) component of the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program.

It should be noted that personal care service providers must be qualified to provide the needed service and, although services may be provided by a family member, **the parent of the minor child may not be the provider of**

**services** (Section 14132.95 (f) of the Welfare and Institutions Code).

Under PCSP, available services include the following:

- Assistance with ambulation;
- Bathing, oral hygiene and grooming;
- Dressing;
- Care and assistance with prosthetic devices;
- Bowel, bladder and menstrual care;
- Skin care;
- Repositioning, range of motion exercises and transfers;
- Feeding and assurance of adequate fluid intake;
- Respiration;
- Paramedical services;
- Assistance with self-administration of medications; and
- Ancillary services, which may include meal preparation, laundry, shopping, and domestic services. (Please note that ancillary services must be subordinate to and may not be provided separately from basic personal care services.)

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Recently, some parents have reported that their children, who are now served under the HCBS Waiver and qualify as Medi-Cal eligible due to institutional deeming rules, have been denied personal care services allowed under the PCSP component of the IHSS program. This denial is inappropriate as the consumer is eligible for full scope Medi-Cal benefits, and the consumer **does not** have to qualify for the IHSS Program in order to access Medi-Cal PCSP.

DDS is currently working with the Departments of Health Services and Social Services to ensure that eligible HCBS Waiver consumers are not being denied services that they are entitled to receive through PCSP. In order to initiate an assessment for PCSP, regional centers should recommend that parents or legal guardians contact the IHSS Program Manager in their local county welfare department. However, if the consumer is denied services as a result of the confusion between IHSS eligibility and PCSP eligibility, regional centers should advise parents to file for a fair hearing once they receive a Notice of Action in order to preserve their application date. If families are experiencing difficulties in qualifying for and accessing PCSP, we encourage regional centers to intervene for the consumer and contact the county welfare department whenever possible.

Please report to DDS any difficulty that parents are experiencing in obtaining PCSP services for their children under the HCBS Waiver. If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Rutledge, Federal Programs Operations Section, at (916) 654-2297.

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